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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government are aware that Urea output has fallen short of target as reported inthe Indian Express dated April 19, 2000;

(b) If so, the extent to which the Urea output has been short of target as on January, 2000;

(c) the main reasons for such shortfall;

(d) the demand and actual supply of fertilizers to each district of States during the current year, till date, product-wise; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to achieve the production target of urea and to bridge the gap of demand and supply?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) to (c): Urea production in January 2000 was 16.81 lakh MTs against the target of 18.37 lakh MTs. The shortfall of 1.56 lakh MTs was on account of Officers strike in ONGC/GAIL which led to complete stoppage of supply of gas. The production of urea in the corresponding month of last year was 16.25 lakh MTs. The cumulative production of urea from April 1999 to January 2000 was higher than the target by 0.6 per cent and that of corresponding period of last year by 3.6 per cent.

(d): Urea is the only fertiliser which is under price, distribution and movement control of Government of India. The supply of urea is made to the State on aggregate basis as per allocation to the State. Intra-state movements are monitored and regulated by the State Governments. The demand and supply of decontrolled fertilisers is managed by the States in consultation with the manufacturers and suppliers operating within the parameters of the Concession Scheme administered by the Government of India.District-wise demand and supply of neither controlled fertiliser i.e. urea nor of decontrolled fertilisers is made.

(e): There was no shortfall in cumulative production of urea from April, 1999 to January, 2000. However, if there is gap between demand and supply of urea, the same is met through imports.